

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 864

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A RESOLUTION to honor Bo Miles of Pine Orchard upon her recognition as a Super Senior Citizen.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Eugene "Bo" Blake Miles was recently celebrated and recognized as a Super Senior Citizen in Morgan County, an honor that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Gene and Annis Blake, Jessie Eugene "Bo" Blake was born on January 15, 1927, on a farm in the Pine Orchard community where she was raised along with her two sisters, Mona and Fannie, and her brother, Alvin; and

WHEREAS, still residing on land originally owned by her Blake grandparents, Bo Blake Miles was named after her father but her family took to calling her "Bo" while she was still a child and the name stuck throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, educated in the one-room Pine Orchard School from first through seventh grade, she graduated from Oakdale High School in 1944 and went to work at Oak Ridge for two years as World War II continued; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Bo was joined in holy matrimony with her childhood sweetheart, Harry "Buster" Miles, who had ably served in the U.S. Army during World War II, seeing duty in Italy, France, and Belgium and earning a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars for his military service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her noble calling as mother and homemaker, Bo Miles worked at Burlington Hosiery Mills until her oldest son, Harry, was born in 1952; in the late 1950s she

worked alongside her husband Buster in a small country store next to their home, which they operated until 1962 and the birth of their second son, Joe; and

WHEREAS, after her husband began work for the Tennessee Valley Authority, Bo Miles went to work as a receptionist in 1969, for Drs. Sisk and Cunningham in Harriman, where she would remain until 1983, leaving to spend more time with Mr. Miles who was then farming and wood-working; and

WHEREAS, Bo and Buster Miles would spend the next years attending lots of craft fairs and flea markets as he honed his wood-working skills, making small items, furniture, clocks, porch swings, cedar chests, and more; and

WHEREAS, a blessed union, Mr. and Mrs. Miles enjoyed sixty-two years of marriage before Mr. Miles's death in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Bo Miles enjoys the love and support of her two sons and their spouses, Harry and his wife Lavanna Bingham, and Joe and his wife Tammy Langley; her grandchildren, Clint Miles, Carla Miles Smith, and Zachary Miles, and her great-grandchildren, Colt Miles, Lige Miles, and Emily Smith; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of Pine Orchard Baptist Church, Mrs. Miles taught the pre-school Sunday School class for forty years as well as Vacation Bible School for many years; she currently serves as Sunday School Secretary, Director of the W.M.U. and sings in the choir; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Miles has an inspiring positive outlook and loves life, enjoying activities and outings with the Senior Citizens "Classics" group, the F.C.E. Club, and the Pine Orchard Community Club in addition to her work with the Pine Orchard Fair, which has been going since 1938; and

WHEREAS, Bo Miles is still active and creative; she walks five days a week for thirty minutes and she loves to make beautiful quilts for the Fair and enjoys reading, playing Scrabble, and watching University of Tennessee football games; and

WHEREAS, a beloved member of her community, Bo Miles has written the "Pine Orchard News" column in the *Morgan County News* since 1986, sharing the comings, goings, and special events of her friends and neighbors of Pine Orchard; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Bo Miles of Pine Orchard upon being recognized as a Super Senior Citizen and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.